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For: PREPARATION OF PARTICLES BY HYDROLYSIS OF A METAL

CATION IN THE PRESENCE OF A POLYMER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge 7 x 18=\$126.00 of filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16(c) to Deposit Account No. 18-1171.

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Prior to calculation of filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the specification and claims:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 28 and replace them with the following new claims 29 to 56:

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